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CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

INHUMANE LIVES AND AT THEIR DEATHS

"Who is everybody's business, is no
body's,"—so says the proverb, so say all
observation and experience in actual life;

and this being true, we are glad to welcome
among the benevolent societies of our State, the
one just chartered by the legislature for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

A modest sheet has been sent us, entitled
"Our Dumb Animals," which is No. 1 of a
series to be issued by this Society, and
glances at its plans and gives an account of
its inception and progress, thus far—the act
of the legislature establishing it, etc., etc.

The society starts under the best auspices,

and will doubtless do great good in the
community, for no cause of cruelty can be
exercised toward the human or animal creation
without its being witnessed by the public eye.

It is to be hoped that it, and those who are
accustomed to it, and those who are
accustomed to it, will be successful.

BRETON CATTLE.

We are happy to announce the safe arrival
of two choice herds of Brittany cattle. They

were shipped at Brest in France on the 6th
inst., and were landed safely in New York

on Wednesday and delivered there without
a bruise or a scratch upon them, though tired

and weary of their long confinement.

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The Poet's Corner.

APPLE BLOSSOMS.

BY A. Z. H. DUGANNE.
When the Spring, with soft rebelling,
To the Summer's waning yielded,
And the apple blossoms were scarce;
All the sunshines that the twain,
Where the orchard shadows yielded
Gleamed in eyes and swelling bosoms,
With a love as pure and holy
Underneath the apple blossoms.

We were young, and she was sinless;
As the saints who are in Adisen;
And to the world wide world,
To the sunshines that the twain,
And for me, I hold it a sinless;
In my heart, so close and tender,
With a love as pure and holy
As the saints in Adisen.

So we walked with hands entwined,
So we talked with one another;
Till our loving souls entwined
Into one reverent bond,
So close and tender like brother,
We entwined our arms and bosoms,
With the angels over;

Underneath the apple blossoms.

—N. Y. Weekly.

Ladies' Department.

Written expressly for the Massachusetts Ploughman.

A DAY'S RIDE.

"This seat engag'd?"

With travelling bag, sowl and book
was proceeding to make myself comfortable
for a day's ride on the Eastern train, and
looking up to uttered a long-drawn "Aho!"

"I regret disturbing you," said the
stranger deferentially.

"No, I am very fond of riding," said
he, smiling at me.

"Do you know anything of your uncle's
family?"

"Yes, I never saw my aunt; they have
a son and a daughter, but I do not expect to like him very
well."

"Ah!"

"He will be country and disagreeable.
I am sure he will visit us, so I
suppose he will be foolish, too, and nothing
can be more tiresome than a foolish, disagreeable,
countryman."

"No, I am very fond of riding," he then
added. "I know my cousin and am sorry
that I cannot say much in his favor."

He appeared to be unaccountably
so sombre. Look up his neglected
memory for consternation. I opened my
own book steadily as the morning slipped
away, the train whizzed along and we were
nearer to Hatton by a hundred miles when
I saw him again.

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